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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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Mr. Russ Feller

Feller Holding Corporation 43 CFR 3809

688 E. Chad Ranch Road Surface Management Notice

Veyo, UT 84782

Operation Abandoned - Complete Reclamation Required

Operation Abandoned – Your Notice for obsidian on the south side of Desert Mountain, Millard County, Utah had been inactive for over seven years, until you preformed preliminary earthwork in October 2014. This Notice is located in the W1/2 of section 11, Township 24 South, Range 09 West, Salt Lake Meridian. The former operation is referred to as the Black Jewell Notice.

Your Notice was assigned Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file number UTU-70667 when it was established on April 30, 1991. Please refer to this number for any future communication concerning the Notice. The corresponding case file number with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (UDOGM) is S/027/0026.

Since your Notice operation has been expired for an extended time period, BLM has the authority to classify your site as abandoned under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 43 CFR § 3809.336(a). As specified in 43 CFR § 3809.336(b), if you abandon a site without full reclamation, BLM may complete the reclamation and hold you liable for the expenses.

Notice Expired – Your Notice expired after two extensions on January 17, 2007. As specified by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 43 CFR § 3809.335(a), when your Notice expires, you must - (1) Cease operations, except reclamation, and (2) Complete reclamation promptly according to your Notice. As stated in 43 CFR § 3809.335(b), your reclamation obligations continue beyond the expiration or any termination of your Notice until you satisfy them.

Reclamation Incomplete – You returned to the Black Jewell site and performed some earthwork in mid-October 2014. Your efforts were inspected by the BLM on November 14, 2014. The rudimentary earthwork demonstrates progress and intent to reclaim, but the earthwork is very incomplete, and reseeding and revegetation are also required. The two smaller pits to the south of the main pit must also be reclaimed according to BLM and UDOGM standards.

<u>Meeting Requested</u> – Within 15 days of receipt of this letter, please contact the Fillmore Field Office of the BLM. We would like to meet with you regarding a reclamation schedule and the remaining reclamation requirements. Our contact information is:

Fillmore Field Office Bureau of Land Management 95 East 500 North Fillmore, Utah 84631

(435) 743-3115 or (435) 743-3100

Surface disturbance areas, such as the cross-country travel route and quarry areas, must be regraded to conform to the surrounding topography. Reshaped surfaces must be covered with a soil growth medium and the surfaces must be seeded with an appropriate seed mix. The seed mix will be provided by the BLM Fillmore Field Office upon request. Satisfactory revegetation typically requires three years in the arid Great Basin environment.

All reclamation activity, including required earthwork and reseeding, must be completed. BLM resource specialists will monitor your progress in meeting your reclamation obligations, including the success of the re-vegetation in the disturbed area. The BLM will inform you when all reclamation standards have been met and whether your obligations are complete.

Should you fail to complete the necessary reclamation according to an agreed-upon schedule, BLM will initiate reclamation procedures and the bill for reclamation will be sent to you as the responsible party. If necessary, collection procedures will be initiated if the reclamation bill is not paid, as specified under 43 CFR § 3809.336(b).

If you are unable to initiate reclamation activities due to weather or other factors, contact the BLM Fillmore Field Office to explain the reason for the delay. The BLM will work with you to prepare a revised schedule so that you may complete reclamation to BLM standards and avoid an outstanding bill.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Duane Bays, Geologist, Fillmore Field Office, at (435) 743-3115.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Gates Field Office Manager

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Enclosures:

Photos

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